



Lands Lotterij of Netherlands Antilles donates to Aruban Foundations

Humphrey Genaro, of Curacao and Director of the Lands Lotterij one of the oldest and most established public lotteries in the Caribbean visited Aruba on Thursday, June 28, to “give back” to the community that has assisted in making the lottery such a success.

Lotteries are part of island culture with a long history; the Lands Lotterij has existed for over fifty-five years. Aruba has some of their own, most notably, Lotto pa Deporte, (Sports) and the monies obtained are used to finance worthwhile projects, such as the construction of sports centers for island youth.

Mr. Genaro was joined by staffers of the Lands Lotterij in Aruba, Shelly Toppenberg and Francis Croes, in presenting donations to five deserving foundations whose volunteers make valuable contributions to the community.

During a congenial gathering at the Aruba Surfside Marina, representatives of Centro di Barrio Dakota, Cas Mari for the elderly with Alzheimer’s, the Aruba Sports Union, Bibito Pin home for severely mentally and physically challenged children, and Stimaruba gratefully accepted checks to assist them in particular projects. Olinda Rasmijn and Rendolph Fingal of Stimaruba, an organization devoted to the appreciation and preservation of Aruba’s natural environment, in turn presented the gift of a beautiful poster to Humphrey Genaro. The poster depicts various species of trees that are indigenous to the region.

Representatives of the various organizations were called to the podium by Master of Ceremonies Iris Emerenciana to explain their various projects, and each expressed profound gratitude for the consideration to Aruban foundations by the Lands Lotterij, and appreciation for their community spirit.